tobacco products, due to the tobacco free initiatives and other campaigns. A national level Adult Tobacco Survey (ATS) is being carried out in 2009 which; *inter alia*, would estimate the impact of the campaign/tobacco control programme.

(b) The smoke free movies Rules notified under the "The Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003" were challenged in Delhi High Court by one film producer and the Rules have been quashed. Government of India has filed an appeal against the order of High Court.

(c) and (d) Government of India has supported the Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI), under Department of Agriculture Research Extension for pilot project on alternative cropping to tobacco. The pilot is being taken up in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, at an approved expenditure of Rs.2.17 Crores.

Investment of health education and urban amenities

609. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to spend 2 billion dollars on health education and urban amenities;

(b) if so, whether Government plans to direct multi-lateral aid from World Bank and ADB towards infrastructure development while bilateral aid will focus on social sector spending;

(c) if so, whether Government has so far identified four projects for the 2 billion dollars;

(d) if so, whether Government is likely to reach an agreement in this regard by March, 2009; and

(e) if so, to what extent Government is considering to spend on health out of this fund and what are the projects that have been selected for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) There is no such plan so far as health education is concerned. However, there is proposal to launch National Urban Health Mission for the purpose of providing medical services in the slum areas of the cities. The proposal is in the process of being finalized.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Maternal deaths due to inadequate medicare

†610. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 78,000 pregnant women die every year in the country at the time of giving birth to child in the absence, of essential medical facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government in this regard;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.